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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION (FMC) CHAIRMAN BAKKE

REF: STATE 165643 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER SIGNED BY IGOR AVERIN, CHIEF OF FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF MERCHANT MARINE CONCERNING VISIT TO USSR JULY 12-17 OF FM CHAIRMAN BAKKE. EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF LETTER, DATED JULY 5, FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT: IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 28 CONCERNING THE PROGRAM FOR THE VISIT IN THE USSR, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO INFORM MR. BAKKE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1) THE MINISTRY OF THE MERCHANT MARINE IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION (FMC) OF THE USA THE QUESTIONS OF INTEREST TO HIM ENUMERATED IN YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 28. IN ADDITION WE WOULD ALSO LIKE THE ABOVE-MENTIONED LIST STILL TWO OTHER PROBLEMS, IN PARTICULAR:

-- THE DRAFT LEGISLATION OF THE USA ON "THIRD FLAGS", ITS CONTENTS, PURPOSES AND POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES.

-- THE PARTICIPATION OF SHIPOWNERS OF THE USA IN INTERNATIONAL LINER TRANSPORT (MEMBERSHIP IN LINER CONFERENCES, TRANSPORT AS OUTSIDERS, ETC.)

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IN THIS WE HAVE IN MIND THAT THE DISCUSSION MIGHT BEGIN WITH THESE TWO QUESTIONS AND THEN PROCEED TO EXAMINE THE QUESTIONS OF INTEREST TO THE FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION OF THE USA.

2) THE PROGRAM FOR THE VISIT OF MR. BAKKE AND THOSE PERSONS WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANYING HIM IS NOW BEING MADE MORE EXACT. HOWEVER, ON THE WHOLE, IF THE DELEGATION FROM THE FMC HAS NO OTHER PLANS WE WOULD LIKE TO ORGANIZE THE VISIT OF MR. BAKKE TO USSR SO THAT THIS VISIT WOULD BE NOT ONLY USEFUL, BUT PLEASANT. IN THIS SENSE, WE PROPOSE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

JULY 12

ARRIVAL OF FMC DELGATION

JULY 13

UNTIL MID-DAY - MEETINGS WITH MINISTER OF MERCHANT MARINE. DISCUSSIONS WITH CHIEF OF FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT. LUNCHEON GIVEN BY MINISTRY OF MERCHANT MARINE (BESIDES THE FMC DELEGATION, INVITATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THE US AMBASSADOR AND ONE EMBASSY OFFICER).

EXCURSION AROUND MOSCOW.

EVENING VISIT TO THEATER.

JULY 14

UNTIL MID-DAY - CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION WITH CHIEF OF FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT.

LUNCHEON GIVEN BY DELEGATION OF MINISTRY OF MERCHANT MARINE, WHICH PARTICIPATED IN THE DISCUSSIONS.

MUSEUM EXCURSION.

VISIT TO CIRCUS.

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DEPARTURE FOR LENINGRAD BY TRAIN "RED ARROW" (TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY CHIEF OF FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT).

JULY 15

ARRIVAL IN LENINGRAD.

MEETINGS AND TALKS WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOVIET SHIPOWNERS (PRESIDENT OF THE BALTIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY). LUNCHEON GIVEN BY BALTIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

EXCURSION IN LENINGRAD.
EVENING VISIT TO THEATER.

JULY 16
VISIT TO PORT OF LENINGRAD.
LUNCHEON ON BOARD A SHIP.

EXCURSION AROUND LENINGRAD.

THEATER.

JULY 17

FREE DAY.

IF THE DELEGATION WISHES, A TRIP TO PETRODORETZ CAN BE
ARRANGED.

DEPARTURE FOR HELSINKI.

3) INASMUCH AS MR. KARL BAKKE AND THE PERSONS ACCOMPANYING
HIM ARE THE GUESTS OF THE MINISTRY OF THE MERCHANT MARINE WE
ARE PROCEEDING ON THE BASIS THAT THE MINISTRY ITSELF WILL PAY
THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE VISIT IN THE USSR OF THE FMC
DELEGATION. WITH SINCERE REGARDS, END TEXT.

3. DURING JULY 4 RECEPTION, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL OF MINISTRY OF
MERCHANT MARINE INFORMED EMBOFF THAT FMC DELEGATION WOULD
PROBABLY BE STAYING AT SOVETSKAYA, WHICH IS COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS HOTEL USUALLY RESERVED FOR HIGH-RANKING FOREIGN
VISITORS.

4. PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION OF SOVIET SHIPOWNERS (PRESIDENT
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OF BALTIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY) IS MR. BORIS YUNITSYN.

5. PLEASE ADVISE IF PROPOSED SCHEDULE IS ACCEPTABLE TO
CHAIRMAN BAKKE OR IF HE WISHES TO SUGGEST ANY CHANGES.
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